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Bethel and neighboring communities in the mountains of western Maine



HEAR YE, HEAR YE-About 70 people turned out Saturday in Woodstock for an observance of the 200th anniversary of the Act to Establish the Town of Woodstock, which took place Feb. 7, 1815. Town Manager Vern Maxfield (background right, in costume) read from it. Between various readings by townspeople, 'town crier' Mary Ellen Gartner (left) related the national history of the period, largely the War of 1812. Behind Gartner are the selectmen, sporting hats from the earlier time. For more photos and description, see Page 9.

## Telstar team teaches a lesson in 'heart'

BY ALISON ALOISIO

not have notched any official wins on the hardwood this season, but their coach, fans and even opposing teams see them as winners.

That's because the team led the way in perseverance and toughness by playing almost the whole season with only five players. And in some cases - if someone fouled out before the end of a game they played with four.

Having no one on the bench made it difficult, especially

as the games wore on and the girls tired.

Girls' Basketball Team may they faced Monmouth Acad-season - 18 games, late practhe challenges for the squad, emy, which brought 13 team members and could rotate them in and out.

Coach Brian Mills said the Rebels started the season with eight players, but dropped to five only three weeks into the season due to injuries and other factors.

The lineup that finished the season last week included senior Savannah Pelletier and juniors Becca Howard, Hayley Peterson, Blair Stevens and Naomi Carr.

"These five girls never once great parents and a lot of talked about quitting," said 'heart. They had it all." The Telstar High School Last week, for example, Mills. Basketball is a long tices, getting home at midnight from an away game." Mills said he knew he could

count on them.

"Not once did I feel that these kids were not going to show up to play. All the opposing coaches and fans were impressed with them playing the whole game, they were more impressed with how hard they played to the end. They never gave up.

"What's it take to keep playing with so few? Great kids,

Pelletier also talked about dubbed "the fab five" by its

"Playing with five girls was not easy," she said."Each game we struggled matchupwise, but we never gave up. We played with our hearts all season and overcame ev-

ery obstacle thrown at us. "We are the fab five, and I will never forget playing with such an amazing, dedicated, hardworking group of

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## Head withdraws withdrawal bill

State Rep. Fran Head (R-Bethel) has withdrawn a tentative legislative bill aimed at stopping future school withdrawal efforts.

She said recently that she had requested the bill at the urging of local citizens. The town of Newry, which pays \$2.9 million of the \$10.5 million SAD 44 budget, is currently in a process to potentially withdraw from SAD 44, which could result in a significant financial impact on the remaining SAD 44 towns. In a statement released Tuesday, Head said:

"I would like to take this opportunity to share my position on the possibility of Newry residents voting to withdraw from SAD 44. I recognize that for many, this is a contentious situation, and look forward to continuing my listening tour in order to better understand the different sides of this issue.

"First and foremost, the residents of Newry should be taken seriously, and have every right to advocate for an improved education system. "For the residents of Bethel,

Woodstock and Greenwood, I am deeply concerned about a necessary tax increase should Newry withdraw from the school district.

"\$2.9 million is a lot of money to offset. These cuts would be tremendously detrimental to the children of Bethel, Woodstock and Greenwood. By the same token, \$2.9 million is more than enough for the concerns of Newry residents to be recognized and responded to.

"Now is not the time for a massive tax increase, which is why I am urging the residents of Newry to continue to be a part of SAD 44. There are too many senior citizens who have to decide between heating their homes and buying prescription medications. There are too many small business owners who are struggling, as well as young families who are finding it difficult to make ends meet. The rest of us in the district have a responsibility to take the Newry Withdrawal Committee seriously, and to listen to those closest to the is-

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## Newry board tags \$10,000 for shuttle, but won't endorse it

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen Tuesday decided to add a separate article to the March 3 Town Meeting warrant for \$10,000 for the Mt. Explorer bus service.

But they will make no recommendation on whether or not residents should approve it.

The figure is double what the town has typically approved in the past. The bus service, established in 2001 and operated through Western Maine Transporta-tion Service, shuttles people back and forth between Bethel and Sunday River during ski season. Most of its stops are on the half hour during the hours it operates, according to its schedule.

The Mt. Explorer committee, which serves as a liason with the community, requested more funding this year, citing a decrease in available state funds. Committee member Pat Roma said in a letter to selectmen,

"In the past, Newry has contributed \$5,000 towards the operation. The committee is grateful for prior contributions and requests that amount as a minimum. As I have reported to the Selectmen, State funding sources have been reduced and, in light of that, the committee encourages the Selectmen to consider increasing their recommended contribution to \$10,000 subject to approval at the Town Meeting. As a reminder, the benefits of this service are: Reduction of vehicles on the road especially during periods of high traffic to and from the ski area; Helps attract visitors to the area (a benefit to all business owners and their employees); Offers a safe and reliable transportation option for tourists and locals alike (daytime and nighttime).'

The letter prompted the Newry board to express concern at their meeting Tues-

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## Greenwood needs a new fire truck, quickly

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Greenwood selectmen are considering calling a special Town Meeting to authorize the purchase of a used pumper truck for the Fire Department.

Town Manager Kim Sparks said last week that the current 1982 truck failed its pumper test, and repairs are estimated at \$12,000.

Fire Chief Al Curtis has researched online possible used trucks to purchase, she said, and the board will discuss them at its next meeting Feb. 17. Sparks said Cur-

ford, N.H. Fire Department. If selectmen recommend that one, the proposed funding

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STILL PLENTY TO SMILE ABOUT-The Telstar Girls' Basketball Team celebrated each other as they were introduced at last week's home game against Monmouth Academy. The last one of the five introduced, senior Savannah Pelletier (#1) jumped to high- and low-five her teammates. Visible from left are Naomi Carr, Blair Stevens and Becca Howard, Inset, Pelletier was honored with flowers

before the game.

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tis preference is for a \$21,000, 1998 truck for sale by the Bed-

## Letters

#### MORTON WANTS TO SERVE AGAIN

To the Editor:

Please convey these sentiments to the people I serve. I wish to continue to represent the citizens of Newry as Selectman and I need your vote.

If I were to have a campaign slogan it would be, "If you don't stand for something you will fall for anything."

My record is a clear testimony as to whose interests I serve. I was born the first son and middle child of seven children on Sept. 13, 1952. My parents, Albert Brooks Morton Sr. and Eleanor Francis Cummings Morton resided in Newry.

I began my education at the Powers and Branch one room schoolhouses which instructed the p-8 Grades. I went on to attend Crescent Park, Gould Academy, Telstar High School (70) and attended the University of Maine at Augusta and

Shortly after college I purchased the home I live in today on the Bear River side of town.

For a brief stint, as a young father, I lived the American dream, traveling the world, making the big bucks being the outsiders in other folks' home towns. I have raised two sons in Newry because I believe it is the best environment on earth for a young mind to flourish. I have been self-employed for most of my life in the building trades with my specialty in custom tile shower design and installation.

I grew up learning that if you had a concern it was your civic duty to bring it to the leaders of your community.

My interest and involvement have led me to the various duties I have performed in service to my community over the

I worked with many fine individuals on most comprehensive plans and updates. I worked diligently on many town boards, committees and special projects such as the bicentennial, solid waste, industrial wind ordinance, scenic byway (2) watershed surveys (2) and I was instrumental in the development of sound Bylaws for the Board of Selectman.

I volunteered for the committee that developed the Town of Newry Unified Development Review Ordinance with its numerous revisions. I served on the planning Board several different times retiring as its chair when the good citizens elected me as their Selectman in 2012. I currently serve as the Selectman representative on the Newry School Withdrawal Committee and Cemetery Committee, three-town solid waste and oxford county regional recycling groups. All of these activities are town related.

In my first weeks after being elected I promised the citizens that I would listen to their concerns.

I have kept that promise and moved many issues to the table for review and discussion and ultimately to a town wide

The record shows an increase of over 200 percent in voter participation since my election in 2012 on local issues.

I have observed that the more people involved in an honest and open process the better the decision. I have confidence that if citizens are informed of the facts, with enough time to consider the implications of what is before them, good, solid decisions will prevail. My desire to serve has not been for power, economic advantage or to promote a special interest group or pet project.

I have only one special interest group and that is the citizens/taxpayers of the Town of Newry.

I have said the things in public that people have spoken to me in private. It's humbling to be your voice in these uncertain times

I have been a vocal "Local" my whole life. Well, not yet!

**Brooks Morton** 

Newry

#### CORRECTION

TYLER OBITUARY-The obituary for Wendell Tyler that appeared in last week's Citizen should have said he was predeceased by his grandchildren, Jonathan and Samantha Tyler.

#### **CORRECTION**

LOCATION OF DUDLEY'S STORE- An article in last week's Citizen about the history of Woodstock should have said that Dudley's Store was located at the corner of Route 26 and Railroad Street.

#### CORRECTION

GOULD SPIRIT CHALLENGE BREAKDOWN-An article in last week's Citizen on the Gould Academy Spirit Challenge fundraiser for the Good Shepherd Foodbank should have said that \$1 in donation buys 5 pounds of food.

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#### RESPONSE TO NEWRY COMMITTEE

To the Editor:

I agree with Jim Sysko's comment in his letter to the editor last week that he would prefer not to engage in a "public war of words with others with whom we want to work

However, the Newry Withdrawal Committee disclosed the major terms of their initial withdrawal proposal in two consecutive Citizen articles almost immediately after presenting it to the SAD 44 Newry Withdrawal Committee. If area residents are going to read Jim's comment that "We have made what we consider a reasonable and attractive proposal," then they should be able to read replies that disagree.

Jim correctly stated that the Newry Withdrawal Committee is only responsible to the citizens of Newry. I was elected by Woodstock voters to represent the best interests of all the students in SAD 44, including those from Newry.

Jim may not want to publicly discuss the existing tax policy in which a Newry citizen with a \$150,000 primary residence currently pays less property tax than citizens in the other three towns with the same \$150,000 primary residence. I would like one important question answered.

How will Newry's withdrawal, with the resulting huge financial impact to SAD 44, improve education for Newry and all the other area students?

Marcel Polak Chair, SAD 44 Newry Withdrawal Committee

#### HOW YOU PLAY THE GAME

To the Editor:

Remember the saying, "It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game that counts." With this in mind, the Telstar Varsity Basketball Girls are truly "Champions," regardless of any win/loss records.

Most schools have many girls of varied experience, allowing them to form both junior varsity and varsity teams; however, Telstar began the season with only nine, which was barely enough to create even one team ... a varsity squad. Although continually "outnumbered" by opponents whose "benches" often seated more girls than Telstar's entire team, the Lady Rebels always rose to the challenge. Unfortunately, injuries began taking their toll however, until eventually the Telstar team sadly dwindled to a mere five.

Likely a bit apprehensive at first, the remaining five players maintained their never-giveup attitudes and forged ahead with the season, playing against teams who then sometimes outnumbered them three times over, which of course allowed those players to sub, providing everyone with much needed moments of rest. Yet there was no such luxury for the Lady Rebels ... no room for rest, no room for injury, and of course no room for fouling out. Their stamina was extraordinary, and thankfully they managed to stay physically "sound" for the most part, but their determined enthusiasm sometimes prompted a "foul out" situation, then leaving them with only four players. But that didn't stop them either; they always continued regardless of the circumstances.

In one recent close game that found them reduced to four players, the opposing team still felt it necessary to run a full court press, double and triple teaming Telstar's four remaining players on the court. As frustrating as that must have felt, those girls so admirably maintained their composure and finished the game playing as they always did... with a tremendous amount of "heart."

Sometimes referred to as "The Fab Five," they not only elevated extreme admiration from their obvious fans, but also gained great respect from the opposing teams, coaches and athletic directors. They've been the ultimate example of being able to stay "in the moment," performing regardless of the challenging circumstances, remaining focused, and doing their best to make the most of each of those moments. Hopefully the fact that they didn't give up, keeping Telstar represented in the league amidst such trying times, will serve as an excellent example for those up and coming young ladies who like to play basketball. You're needed, girls!

Thanks to Kaylee Haas, Natasha Hart, Anna Montagna, and Kylie Martin for your time and great efforts while you were able to play. Thanks to Ashley Savage for your dedication and support in managing. Thanks to Coach Brian Mills for your guidance and encouragement in coaching. And finally, thanks so much to Blair Stevens, Naomi Carr, Becca Howard, Hayley Peterson and Savanna Pelletier for displaying such talent, skill, grace, class, determination and poise in seeing it through to the end you've been absolutely amazing!

Jewel Clark Bethel

#### WOODSTOCK BICENTENNIAL PLAY

To The Editor:

Thank You to Amy Chapman for writing two excellent articles about Woodstock's his-

Our Town Manager, Vern Maxfield, did a superb job planning and organizing the celebration of the 200th anniversary of Woodstock's founding held Sat. Feb. 7. Everything bert, son of Mr. and Mrs. went smoothly and people seemed to have a good time.

Jen Chase put in a lot of work preparing excellent food representing the 1800s. Diane Dupree organized a Historical Time Chart representing our 200 years. The chart may be seen at the Town Office. Important Historical or family dates may be added.

There is discussion about developing a play which would portray visitors from 1815 coming to Bryant Pond in 1915. During a second Act visitors from 1915 would pay a visit in 2015. Anyone interested in participating in developing this play should call Vern 665-2669 or Nancy at 665-2788. We need to know when you can meet and how to contact you.

Nancy Willard Woodstock

#### SUPPORT TMS CAREER CHALLENGE

To the Editor:

Last Spring, the MELMAC committee at Telstar Middle School initiated the first annual Telstar Middle School Career Challenge. The purpose was to raise aspirations among students to pursue college and post-secondary education, and to begin thinking about and planning for life after high school before it arrives. Ten inspired students took part by interviewing adults engaged in various careers or researched careers of interest. These students presented their information to their peers and teachers, and were rewarded for their efforts with a day-long field trip to several local Bethel Area businesses.

The following establishments graciously opened their doors to our students, briefed them about the intricacies of their businesses, and in the case of Crossroads, provided the students with a delicious lunch too: Crossroads Diner, Bethel Animal Hospital, Maine Energy Systems, Bethel Early Learning Center, Key Bank, Sport Thoma, The Bethel Inn and the Good Food

In the coming weeks, we will be kicking off The 2015 TMS Career Challenge. Don't be surprised if you get a call from a Telstar Middle School student interested in interviewing you about your career. We will also be contacting businesses during the next few months to plan our field trip in the Spring. If you are a local business who would be interested in hosting a small number of students and chaperones on a date to be determined in late May or early June, please contact Guidance Counselor Rich Curley at 207-824-2136 ext. 501.

TMS MELMAC Committee

#### From the Bethel Town Manager's Office

By Christine M. Landes

As always, it is my pleasure to provide this bi-weekly column for the citizens of Bethel. The Public Works Department has been very busy trying to keep up with the recent snow storms. They are diligently working on the concerns we have been receiving at the office about certain intersections or areas. Please be patient. Although February is the shortest month, it always seems to be the longest in the winter. The holidays are over and people seem to be ready for Spring, so shoveling and cleaning snow makes everyone cranky and tired. On a positive note, has anyone noticed the days seem to be getting longer?

The Town Office is now selling discounted ski tickets to Mt. Abram. The one day lift ticket costs just \$26.00. This is an amazing opportunity to enjoy skiing at our local mountain for a great price. The front office has the tickets immediately available for purchase.

The budget process is in full swing. Each department head has submitted proposed budgets. I will be reviewing each budget and meeting with them individually to detail the needs documented. On March 10 and 12, we will be having the annual Budget Committee/Selectmen meetings. These meetings are open to the public if anyone has any interest in attending.

The cutting project at the airport is progressing. As you will recall, this project will allow for a safe approach and take off area at the airport. The trees have been marked for either topping or cutting. Stantec and I are in the process of getting a bid package together for interested parties. There will be an informational meeting for interested bidders planned prior to the final deadline for bid submission. As I have stated before, we would like to have this project complete while the ground is still frozen to minimize damage not only to the land-owners property, but the roads the equipment will travel over.

As most of the users of the Waste Water Treatment Facility know, there was a change to the billing process in 2014. The Bethel Board of Selectmen are very aware that there are some concerns about the Code that addresses this process. On Feb. 23, 2015, at 7 pm, the Board has agreed to meet with concerned individuals and hear the suggestions they may present on how

to correct and/or change the process. Please feel free to attend this meeting, As a reminder, the Town Office will be closed Feb. 16 in observance of President's Day. Nor-

mal business hours will resume on Tuesday Feb. 17. If there is anything I, or the employees of the town, can do for you please do not hesitate to

contactus. We are here for you.

BY DANNA BROWN NICKERSON

10 years ago: Tim Rosenberg's Greenwood highway department plow truck skidded down an embankment while he was sanding the Alcohol Mary Road.

Navy Seaman Recruit Michael J. Hoy had recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Deaths: Katherine B. Saunders, Arthur L. Schroeder, Laura E. Walker, Donald L. Morey, Mary Agnes Coltu-i nick, Ruby Edwards, Merlin E. Moody, Kevin J. Behan, James "Jimi" K. Behan.

20 years ago: Due to federal, cutbacks and reorganization,it was announced that the Evans Notch District of the WMNF would merge with the Androscoggin District.

A number of Woodstock Elementary School students took advantage of the afterschool ski program offered at Mt. Abram.

Births: Kurt Alan Mason, Joshua Thane Hoyt.

Deaths: Eva M. DesRoche, Charles B. Roberts. 30 years ago: Gould Acad-

emy Winter Carnival Queen. and King, Sam Welsh and Mike Angell, were crowned during nighttime festivities, held around a bonfire on the soccer field. New computerized typeset-

ting equipment was being installed at the office of the Bethel Citizen.

Deaths: Mrs. Stephanie G. Thurston, Mrs. Christine G. Riggs, Mrs. Pearl N. Wheeler, SM/Sgt. Raymond K. (Dane) Bryant, Mrs. Ruth Dagneault.

40 years ago: RCA recording artists Ron and Rick Shaw were masters of ceremonies and entertained at the Chamber of Commerce Carnival Queen coronation Michael Robinson was hired as resident manager of the Bethel Inn.

Deaths: Mrs. Edna E. Mor ton, Merton T. Brown, Sr. 50 years ago: Randy Gil.

George Gilbert, received a broken shoulder in a sliding. accident.

Hall's Barber Shop opened for business in its new quarters beside Ruth's Beauty Shop. It was reported that Gene Buswell was the first customer.

Birth: Clayton Linsley Fossett.

60 years ago: The Meddybempsters of Bowdoin College presented a concert at Gould Academy's William Bingham Gymnasium.

A very successful Silver. Tea and sale of knitted arti-: cles was held at the home of; Mrs. Dana Douglass, Jr., by the Bethel Hospital Auxiliary of the Rumford Community Hospital.

Births: Elton Lee Cole, Joseph Augustus Perham, Jr., Jeanine Frances Merrill.

Death: Frank O. Taipale. 70 years ago: Bethel Grammar School reported the sum, of \$2,196 brought for the pur-chase of War Stamps and Bonds since the opening of school in September.

Travel by auto was resumed. over Rowe Hill. This road. had been blocked by snow for three weeks.

Death: Mrs. Aino W. Jarvenpaa.

80 years ago: Arthur Herrick began his duties as acting postmaster at Bethel. He; succeeded Miss Cleo Russell. A new concern known as: the Fortier Construction Co. was formed. Amos G. Fortier

was present. Deaths: Samuel Moore, Levi Brown, Carroll Bacon, Edward C. Flint.

90 years ago: Plans were. shown at a Parent Teachers meeting for the proposed addition of two rooms to the "Brick" School. These plans were approved by the State: Department.

Deaths: Issiah Haselton, Mrs. Linda Wentworth.

110 years ago: The students of Gould's Academy gave their annual fair and entertainment at Garland Chapel. A supper was served to over 150 people. About \$140 net proceeds was realized.

The rural free delivery carriers received word from the Post Office department that they were not required; to serve on their routes on; See more Letters on Page 3 Washington's birthday.

#### Letters

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#### FLYING MOOSE THANKS

We would like to thank the many volunteers who helped host this year's hugely successful Flying Moose Classic XC ski race sponsored by the Bethel Outing Club at the Gould Academy ski trails. This race, part of the New England Nordic Ski Association's Club series, attracted ski racers to Bethel from all over New England. We had a terrific turnout for the 10  $\rm km$ and 25 km races, as well as for a 3-km middle school race and a lollipop race. The day went smoothly-thanks to Gould Academy for donating the use of the field house for registration, the upper field for the stadium, and the trails at Pine Hill.

We could not have done it without the assistance of many wonderful volunteers including: Colin Reuter, Julia Reuter, Eliot List, Kate Rideout, Carlie Casey, Buzz Gamble, Linda Gamble, Mike Hoeh, Lorrie Hoeh, Martha Siegel, Suzanne Pierce, Gary Inman, Lesley Rowse, Kate Goldberg, Mac Davis, Vicki Fimiani, Brad Clarke, Kirk Siegel, and others who helped throughout the day. With a special thank you to Wade Kavanaugh and Jeremy Nellis for grooming and laying out the course and to Tracyn Thayer for coordinating the youth

To find complete race results and to learn more about the Bethel Outing Club, go to www.bethelouting.org/.

Jim Reuter-Race Director Christine Trefethen-Volunteer Coordinator

## Newry board debates Letter S fix options

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen Tuesday agreed to propose \$300,000 in road improvements on the Sunday River Road at next month's Town Meeting.

The \$300,000 is recommended to come from \$150,000 raised in taxes and \$150,000 taken from the Capital Improvement Account. Another \$75,000 is pro-

posed to be taken from undesignated surplus to offset

The bulk of this year's roadwork is proposed to be improvements on a 1,200foot stretch of the Sunday River Road near the Letter S Swimming Hole.

The road and a large culvert under it had been deteriorating, and at last year's Town Meeting residents approved up to \$30,000 for engineering work in preparation for the reconstruction.

The town hired Joe Aloisio of JAGJA Inc. to do the engineering. He presented his design at a public hearing last fall. It called for replacing the gravel under the existing pavement, the culvert (which he said has gaps in it and was being crushed at both ends), and regrading an adjacent hill to an average grade of 9.9 percent. The steepest part of the hill is currently about 15 percent, he said then, A pullout along the hill would have to be eliminated because the road would be lowered eight feet there to achieve

the grade. Aloisio also said the plan was constrained by the presence at the top of the hill of the Nordic Knoll Road intersection. Some residents had expressed concern about lowering the Sunday River Road there to help improve the overall road grade

ate at times with few if any

passengers as would be the

because it would have made the Nordic Knoll entrance/ exit steeper, possibly posing a danger for stopping there in the winter.

The road plan also called for an 18-foot travel way with two-foot wide shoulders, as well as an eightfoot-wide parking strip 200 feet long on the side of the road opposite the Sunday River. The area sees a lot of swimmer traffic in the summer.

The roadwork was expected be put out to bid, if approved at this year's Town Meeting. Code Enforcement Officer Dave Bonney obtained a recent estimate of \$229,000.

But since last fall, the town has also asked Bruce Manzer Inc. for an estimate to pave and improve a total of three miles of the road, including that stretch. Manzer provided an estimate of approximately \$900,000 for paving, culvert repair and guardrails. The Letter S section estimate was \$122,780, plus \$13,000 for shoulders and guardrails and \$7,000 for culvert repair. Manzer would provide all necessary engineering at no cost for several sections of the road. including Letter S, his letter to the town said.

At Tuesday's meeting Selectman Brooks Morton described Manzer's proposal for Letter S as a "scaled down project," and wondered if it might be more cost effective.

He said the added parking portion of the JAGJA proposal was not part of the town's original intent, but a result of the engineer's plan. Morton said the plan would

also eliminate a parking/ pullout area at the top of the hill.

He said it might be better to preserve the pullout, which he said serves as an "escape route" for truckers to get around a hump in the road, where tractor-trailers can get hung up. Manzer's plan proposes filling in the area with gravel to stabilize the hill and keep the escape route, he said.

Aloisio's grading plan at about 10 percent would leave the top part of the hill similar to what it is now, Morton said.

He acknowledged JAGJA had generally done what the town had requested for the plan. But, he said, "I don't think we should feel obligated to carry out a design just because we have it. Manzer's plan fixes the base. It's not just a patch."

The plan would also give the town "more bang for the buck," Morton said, with more money available for work on other parts of the

But Selectman Gary Wight said he thought a more thorough fix was needed at the Letter S, and that there had been concerns expressed about the grade, parking and culverts.

Chairman Wendy Hanscom also favored the JAG-JA plan.

The vote was then taken, and Morton also voted for it, making the decision unanimous for the Town Meeting recommendation. The estimated \$70,000 in remaining funds would go toward work on 1,700 feet of the

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#### Shuttle

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day about the town's invest-

ment. Chairman Wendy Hanscom wondered what the "sustainability" of the ser-

vice would be in the future. Selectman Brooks Morton said when he has seen the bus going back and forth this week, it appeared to "be empty most of the time."

Resident Tama Drown, who also attended the board meeting, said she had made similar observations, often seeing only a single rider. Morton wondered if the

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Telstar

was worth it all."

(Note: Mills said thatwhile

this team has set an example

by a smaller, locally-owned private bus service that might operate on an "asneeded" basis.

area might be better served

Drown, however, said she and her husband had looked at an option to operate a van to shuttle people in connection with their business but did not find it feasible.

Contacted after the meeting, Roma provided the following information and statement:

"The [current] annual budget prepared by Western

As Becca Howard heads for the court to be introduced, teammates (from left) Hayley

ers to work with. "We have

10 eighth graders coming off

the middle school team," he

Maine Transportation Services anticipated income of \$167,987 to offset their predicted expenses, which included a \$24,000 contribution to reserves. Continued contribution to reserves is vital to ensuring sustainability for such things as replacement of vehicles when needed. Income from grants was budgeted at \$78,617, leaving the balance (\$89,370) to come from local contributions (businesses and

towns). "It is true that buses opercase with pretty much any transportation service. On the other hand, during the period of 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., the utilization is stronger, as might be expected. The most busy times are on weekends and often after the work day as people move about to experience the 'off mountain' opportunities. Drivers maintain records to show, in detail, where and when people use the service. This information is used to adjust the services to balance needs versus available resources. I am pleased to see that the selectmen have stepped up the proposed contribution."

Asked about next year's budget, Roma said, "We have not yet developed next year's plan or budget."

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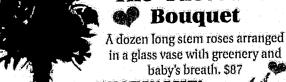
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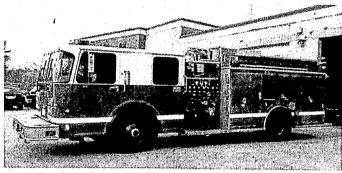
## **Briefly**

# Drug trafficking charges for Greenwood man

GREENWOOD-A Greenwood man faces aggravated felony drug trafficking charges after reportedly acting as a middle man for trafficking prescription drugs. Tony J. Merrill, 33, of Snowmaking Pond Lane, made an initial appearance in Oxford County Superior Court on a single count of aggravated trafficking in scheduled drugs. He did not enter a plea and is scheduled to appear.in court again on May 5. The Class A charge, which was elevated because of the presence of weapons, carries a maximum prison sentence of 30 years. According to an affidavit by Chancey Libby of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, police arrested Merrill during a Feb. 6 raid at the home he shared with his girlfriend. There, agents seized medications Merrill did not have a prescription for, including the painkiller Vicodin, digital scales and several firearms, Chancey said. In an interview with Merrill, Chancey said the suspect admitted to "middling" drugs, or matching prospective buyers with suppliers. Police said Merrill admitted to such a transaction of Xanax, used to treat anxiety disorders, from earlier that morning. Bail was set at \$300 cash with a Maine Pretrial Services Contract or \$10,000 surety, Bail conditions prohibit the use of drugs and alcohol and Merrill is subject to random searches and seizures.- C. Crosby/Sun Media

#### Truck

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POTENTIAL FIRE TRUCK-Greenwood selectmen will consider the purchase of this 1998 fire truck from Bedford, N.H. Submitted photo

would likely be for \$25,000 to provide for some repairs.

The town currently has \$41,000 in its Fire Department Reserve Account, she

Town officials do not want to wait for the annual Town Meeting in May because the loss of the truck impacts fire protection, Sparks said.

The town has another pumper truck at the station in Greenwood City, she said.

Neighboring town fire departments have been notified of the situation in order to better cover for Greenwood, said Sparks.

She said a special Town Meeting would likely take place in early to mid-March.

#### Head

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sues at hand.

"Earlier in the session, it was reported that I was exploring legislation to stop municipalities from withdrawing in the future. I chose not to move forward with this specific bill because in the end, I decided that local control is still an ideal worth striving for. Although I won't be limiting more municipalities from withdrawing, I cannot endorse this option.

"I ask that the School Board and administrators take a renewed initiative in being responsive to not just the families of Newry students, but all families regardless of the place of residence. There is a lot to be proud of at SAD 44, but there is still more work to be done. As always, I am eager to hear the concerns of my constituents, and welcome the discussions ahead.

"We have an obligation to provide the best education possible with the resources which are available. I believe in the enthusiasm of our teachers and staff to ensure this obligation is met, and welcome the suggestions of my constituents to chart a new path forward—with everyone at the table."

## Woodstock mulls buying MDOT building

BY ALISON ALOISIO

With PACE Ambulance considering upping its staffing hours in Woodstock and the Fire Department feeling the squeeze, selectmen are studying an offer from the Maine Department of Transportation to sell its building on Route 232 to the

The Highway Department currently shares the Fire Station with the WFD. If the MDOT building were to be purchased, the Highway Dept. would likely move into it, Town Manager Vern Maxifield said after last Tuesday's selectboard meeting. He said Road Foreman Randy Eastman "is on board with the concept."

Woodstock officials met prior to the meeting with



The MDOT building on Route 232 in Woodstock.A. Aloisio

MDOT representatives to discuss the proposal.

The four-bay Bridge Department building, located on 2.2 acres behind the old Pinhook Meeting House on Route 232, is 40 by 80 feet. The

current space in the Fire Station occupied by the Highway Dept. is 45 by 55 feet. The MDOT building has

not been used for a decade, Maxfield said. The appraised value is

\$125,000, he said. Options for purchase include paying full price; paying a lesser price and risking having to turn it back to the state if the town decided it no longer needed it; and doing a lease/ purchase agreement with a payment period, possibly 5 to 10 years, with no interest

Maxfield also said that PACE Ambulance is interested in having an ambulance stationed at the Fire Station 24 hours a day. PACE currently keeps its ambulance at the station and generally staffs the station seven hours a day and around the clock during storms, he said.

Maxfield said the service wishes to increase staffing in Woodstock because it is a central location for its cover-

## School Board decision not to negotiate formula clarified

BY AMY CHAPMAN

At Monday's School Board meeting, Woodstock Director Marcel Polak, Chair of the SAD 44 Newry Withdrawal Committee, summarized a letter he recently. sent to Board members.

The letter provides further explanation of the committee's decision last month to recommend no action on establishing a four-town committee to study possible changes to the district's funding formula.

Directors had also unanimously approved a resolution from that committee stating: "It is the School Board's goal to keep Newry in the district. Newry's withdrawal would have a significant negative impact on the quality of education in MSAD 44."

At Monday's meeting, Polak reminded the board of how a funding formula committee would work. If the majority of members, at least seven out of 12, were able to agree on a change to the formula, he said, the issue would then go to the voters of the four towns.

"Then, if those voters funding formula could, technically, come into place. Except—and this is the 'except'—the Newry withdrawal vote continues, and if the Newry withdrawal vote is affirmative, it trumps—it overrules—that

funding formula change."

When the committee discussed this with its attorneys, they were told that one other possible scenario existed, one which, at the time of a four-town vote on changing the formula, would place additional language only on the Newry ballot, asking voters to approve terminating the withdrawal effort in the event that the funding formula change was approved district-wide.

There are a number of possible outcomes, and coordinating the two processes would require agreement between Newry selectmen and the School Board regarding the language to be used on the ballot.

"It's complicated," Polak said. "It's never been done in Maine. And based on those circumstances, we recommended no action. If you folks think that there's a reason to do this, [after hearing] additional information, please reconsider."

He went on to point out that Dr. Mark Eastman, the educational consultant for the Newry Withdrawal Committee, had been quoted in last week's Bethel Citizen as saying that looking at alternatives other than withdrawal would probably have been a step best taken before going ahead with the withdrawal plan process:

Polak also reiterated a point from his letter to the editor (Bethel Citizen, Jan. 22, 2015) regarding the real estate taxes paid by prima-

ry homeowners in the district's four towns.

For a home valued at \$150,000 in each town, he said, "A Newry resident pays \$1,358. A Bethel resident pays \$1,875. A Greenwood resident pays \$1,850. A Woodstock resident pays

"How will withdrawal serve to improve education for both Newry students and other district students?" Polak asked. "That's a very important, fundamental question."

Bethel Director Frank Del-Duca said it was his understanding that the withdrawal of Newry would have to be. approved by the state's Commissioner of Education.

"Would the state support a separation that is going to be detrimental to the district?" DelDuca asked.

He asked why the state would support withdrawal when the evidence shows that resident taxpayers in Newry pay a lower mil rate than those in other district towns.

Andover Director Tim Akers said there are more than 20 steps towns must take in order to withdraw from a district, and as long as the process is followed, and the town and district come to an agreement regarding withdrawal, the state must approve it.

"By law, Newry has a right to pull out if they want to," Akers said. "The state doesn't decide if this will be good or bad; they have to go with the law."

The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

SAD 44 Superintendent David Murphy said he expected more discussion about the withdrawal issue at future School Board meetings. To read Polak's letter to the

board, go to the Citizen website at bethelcitizen.com Other business

Murphy announced the resignation of Cindy Savage, TMS Special Education teacher. He said Savage will remain in her position until a suitable replacement can be found.

Resignations have also been received from maintenance department employee Ryan Laverdiere and Charles Sastamoine, a district bus driver.

Suzanne Pierce has been appointed as the CPS crosscountry ski coach. Jason Ross is the district's new lead bus mechanic.

Murphy said the district had received a request from the Greenwood Spartans youth football program to use the Telstar name for its program.

He said the district's attorney did not see a problem with the use of the name, provided the organization includes a disclaimer in any promotions, noting that they are not directly affiliated with SAD 44.

"The kids look up to the Telstar team, and their leaders felt that this would be kind of a logical step," Murphy said.

"Maybe they could call themselves the Telstar Satellites," suggested Board Chair Lainey Cross.

#### Bike Maine tour to stop two nights here Bethel will host some 350 ride in September, to plan learn that Bethel was also for this year's ride, Kim

cyclists from all over the U.S. in September when the town serves as a stop on the Bike Maine tour.

Sponsored by the Bicycle Coalition of Maine, the annual seven-day tour from Sept. 12-19 will start in southern Maine and wind its way up the coast and then into the mountains.

Bethel is a unique stop on the tour because there will be a two-night layover instead of a single night.

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce will serve as the host community coordinator, according to BACC Executive Director Robin Zinchuk.

"I met Kim True. the Bike-Maine coordinator a few years ago at a State Conference and had a chance to share a bit about what our chamber does each year for our members and Bethel," said Zinchuk "When it came time, after last year's

The Oxford County Sher-

iff's Office was awarded a

\$10,000 grant by the Maine

Bureau of Highway Safety as part of the 2015 "Drive

Sober, Maine!" High Visi-

bility Impaired Driving En-

This program will enable

the Sheriff's Office to have

2 to 8 extra patrol details

out every month from April

2015 until September 2015.

These saturation patrols, in

conjunction with organized

roadblocks, will enable the

Sheriff's Office to dedicate

specific Deputies for patrol-

The goal is to identify and

remove impaired drivers

from our highways as well

as serving as a deterrent to

other drivers who are con-

templating operating a mo-

tor vehicle while under the

ling problem areas.

forcement Program.

The cost of OUI

contacted me to see if Bethel would potentially be interested in being a host community."

Zinchuk said after reviewing the criteria and talking with others in Bethel, she expressed interest.

True then came to Bethel for a tour.

"She was impressed with our "can do" attitude," said Zinchuk. "I had already talked to Gould about being the site of the tent village and they were enthusiastic, even though school will be in ses-

All the food for the ride will be locally sourced, said Zinchuk. "I spoke with Meryl Kelly and Anna Sysko of the Local Food Connection and they are excited," she

The "bike advocate", will be Gabe Perkins and Mahoosuc Pathways.

"We were very excited to

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Drinking and Driving is

and drive: Towing Charg-

es \$150; Bail Bond \$60; Law-

hol Education Course +-

charge \$4,000; Loss of Work

Time \$300; Total: \$6,980.

from the Maine BHS web-

rural highways.

chosen to be the layover community, which will provide an even greater economic impact," said Zinchuk.

The riders will arrive Tuesday evening of the tour week, and will be on their own for dinner that night, she said.

"Breakfast and lunch, as well as a selection of myriad planned activities will also be on their own. Dinner Wednesday night and breakfast Thursday morning will be provided by the Local Food Connection, for up to 400 riders, volunteers, staff and invited guests.

"We will be reaching out into the community for willing volunteers to help with a variety of fun jobs and they should contact the chamber office if they are willing," said Zinchuk "This is great news for Bethel."

The Bike Maine tour was first held in 2013, according to the BCM website.

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The objective of the Sher- road in the area of 1119 Suniff's Office is to educate the day River Road.

Selectmen also expect to include an article asking if votalcohol and drug related ers are interested in secur-crashes and injuries on our ing a bond for \$750,000 for the following year to pave and improve the Sunday River Road from the Monkey Brook Road intersection to the end of the pavement.

The board will finalize the Town Meeting warrant at its next meeting, on Tues-Expensive! These are some day at 5 p.m. Following at 6 estimated costs you may in- p.m. is a public hearing on cur if you choose to drink new parking and road entrance ordinances and proposed changes to the Unified yer \$2,000; Fine \$500; Alco- Development Review Ordinance (fire suppression and \$350; 3-Year Insurance Sur- Planning Board).

(Note: The writer is married to engineer Joe Aloisio.)

The weather outside is

"Don't you remember that some years the snow banks were so high on the school walkway that we felt like midgets?" he asked.

I did sort of remember some pretty high snow banks, but we were also little kids and everything bigger than us seemed pretty

That did get me to thinking though and I started to remember some pretty bad winters. I remembered lying in bed in the morning

The weather outside is frightful... day after day after day. Enough already!!!

and hearing the fire whistle blow the "no school" announcement. That was one of the greatest sounds to my young ears and I do remember some winters when that fire whistle blew a lot.

When I was 12 or 13 I could work for the town on "no school" days shoveling out the parking meters that used to exist on Main Street. I think that was the only time I liked snow because I not only didn't have to go to school, but I could some make some money because of it too.

I also remember one

year when a blizzard lasted three or four days and the only vehicles on Main Street were snowmobiles. In some areas the snow drifts were so bad that the town had to dynamite them before the snow plows could move the snow at all. I know that sounds a bit far-fetched, but it really did happen.

Once I got rolling down childhood winter memory lane I recalled the red antenna balls. You could get them at gas stations and various stores to put on the end of your car's radio antenna. This allowed fellow drivers approaching intersections with high snow banks to see each other or at least see their red balls. I haven't seen any of those in years.

Just maybe the winters of my younger years were as bad as this one or just maybe it's all false memory put there by an old classmate.

All I really know for sure is that right now it's in the low teens, the wind is blowing and as I look out the window I see that it is snowing again. It snowed yesterday and a bit the day before that and we are supposed to get some more in the next couple of days.

I really don't care what happened with winter in the past I only care about right now. I'm sure there are some people who say let it snow, let it snow, but the way I see it that just isn't

ters in Maine.

every other day!

frightful... day after day af-

I know the ski areas are

happy and I'm happy for

them; I'm just not very hap-

py for myself. Yes, I live

in Maine; it's winter, and

snow happens during win-

However, I'm used to nor-

mal snowfalls; 2 to 4 inch-

es or 4 to 8 inches not 1 to 2

feet per storm. And in nor-

mal winters in Maine there

is usually some reprieve be-

tween storms, not 1 to 2 feet

And to add insult to inju-

ry, the darn temperatures

are not normal either. I

know winter in Maine one

should expect some cold

weather and I do. I totally

anticipate some single dig-

it temperatures. I even ex-

pect a few below zero tem-

peratures, but not day after

day. We're darn lucky these

days if the mercury pushes

Now another snow storm

is predicted followed by an

arctic blast of cold air. What

on earth have we been hav-

ing if it isn't a blast of cold

I was complaining about

his abnormal winter to

someone I bumped into at a

local store. I went to school

with this person so we are

about the same age. I went

on and on about the snow

and the cold, pretty much

like I'm doing now and he

reminded me that when

we were kids we had some

pretty snowy winters and

even some 20 to 30 below

up over the teens.

arctic air?

ter day. Enough already!!!

BethelBy Nancy Brown



Bicy-The cle Coalition of Maine announced last that week will Bethel be one of the

host communities for the 2015 BikeMaine ride. The 350-mile ride, which takes place Sept. 12-19, is open to 350 bicyclists. The ride begins in southern Maine near the beaches and then comes north to the mountains. Other host communities will be Kittery, Old Orchard Beach, Bridgton, Sweden and Kennebunk. The first BikeMaine ride was held in 2012. The event is organized

by the Bicycle Coalition of Maine to promote Maine as a bicyclists' destination. The organizers estimate that last year's event had a direct economic impact in Maine of \$395,000. That's good news for Bethel and surrounding towns. The cyclists are scheduled for two days in Bethel. On Sept. 15 the cyclists ride from Bridgton to Bethel. Sept. 16 is a rest day in Bethel.

For the past few months I've been tracking the gasoline prices, which finally dipped below \$2 a gallon here for a few days last month. Unfortunately, gas prices have shot up 13 cents a gallon in the past two weeks, ending that consistent drop. The so-called experts predict

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**Patrol Log** 

Tuesday, Feb. 3

At 11:43 a.m. deputies responded to a two-vehicle

At 3:14 p.m. a caller from Gilead wanted to know

what his rights were regarding being videotaped as he

At 6:42 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco and Deputy Willie

Nelson responded to Telstar High School for a report

of a subject out of control. The subject was taken to the

At 8:52 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco investigated a motor

vehicle crash on Route 2 in Bethel. Mary E. Newall, 40,

of Andover was arrested for OUI and for criminal mis-

chief after she damaged the officer's cell phone equip-

· Wednesday, Feb. 4

A deputy was asked to call a complainant on the Gil-

ead Road in Gilead regarding an assault. The caller de-

At 7:52 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney did a traffic de-

tail on Mason Street in Bethel, near the school zone.

Two vehicles were stopped and given summonses for

At 11:08 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a re-

port of fraud on Vernon Street in Bethel. The incident

At 2:22 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report

of someone operating a vehicle in the Bethel area with

a revoked license. The vehicle owner was contacted and warned about allowing such use of the vehicle.

Saturday, Feb. 7 At 3:42 a.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to Ne-

wry for a report of a vehicle off the road and both par-

ties apparently intoxicated. On arrival those involved

were uncooperative. The vehicle was towed and a hold

At 6:47 a.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded to a

ell Pond Road in Greenwood had been broken into. Deputy Chris Davis responded and found several parts of the structure were damaged, as well as the contents

Monday, Feb. 9

At 1:01 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to the intersection of Route 26 and Parkway in Bethel for a

placed on it until the operator could be identified.

single vehicle accident on Martin Lane in Bethel. At 1:06 p.m. a caller reported a camp on East Twitch-

clined an investigation.

expired inspection stickers.

was under investigation.

property damage accident.

plowed snow. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

crash with minor injuries on Route 26 in Greenwood.

that prices will probably go higher. It's a good time for all of us to get our bicycles out and start training.

As I write this on Sunday night, we are in the middle of a two-day snow storm that is expected to last until Tuesday morning, leaving perhaps another foot of snow here in the Bethel area. That probably means lost school days and work days for some of us. When I miss work because of snow, I have to use vacation time. So I am now treating my snow days as vacation days. Of course, there is work that has to get done first; clearing paths, raking the roof, and shoveling out heater vents. But after the work is done, consider having fun. Take out the snowmobile, break a new snowshoe trail, or go cross country skiing. Last winter the conditions for snowshoeing were terrible, so I have decided to enjoy this year's abundance of snow.

Saturday is Valentine's Day. There are lots of ways to celebrate. Locally, there are two free events that I know about. If you want to celebrate outdoors you can participate in the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend by joining the "Take Your Sweetheart into the Woods" snowshoe hike sponsored by the Mahoosuc Land Trust and Western Mountains Senior College on Saturday, Feb. 14. Meet at the Land Trust office on Route 2 at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to Akers Ski Barn in Andover. Lunch will be served at the barn after the hike. However, if outdoor activity is not your cup of tea, you can celebrate the day by attending the annual Valentine's Day Tea at the Bethel

United Methodist Church on Main Street from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be music, refreshments, and, of course, tea. If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, call me at 824-2483.

This week I

#### East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



or, wait, still? The word out and around is that everyone stays in as much as possible. Oh, and not to forget, clearing their dooryards aka

driveways. Though I did not get to talk to her, I do know that Bettyann Hastings celebrated a birthday on Feb 8. Happy Birthday to you, Bettyann, from the neighborhood.

It is time to the answer to the Trivia. It was Leon Gorman, grandson of the founder of L.L. Bean, who said," He was born in Bethel all right, Eva Bean said so!" You can find more details on page 189, "East Bethel Road." To me, this raises a new question and it will be the new Trivia question next week. The answer cannot be found in any books or newspapers... or at least I have never found a reference to it. It seems to be just word of mouth. As always, remember to call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com.

#### Till next week. Andover

By Jane C. Rich



The new town tax maps are ready for the public to view at a hearing on Satur-🕮 day, Feb. 21

at 9 a.m. at the Town Hall. The committee along with the Selectmen and Sebago Techniques tried to resolve all the questionable lot sizes through research at the Reg-

istry of Deeds and by speaking with land owners when possible. Knowing some errors may still exist they seek the input from residents to get the maps corrected and

fully up to date. The filing date for those seeking office in the March 24 election has passed and the candidates are as follows: Selectman: Dinah Cutting, Leo Camire, Jane Rich and incumbent Judy Tabb. Those seeking to be our next Road Commissioner due to the retirement of long-term Commissioner Marshall Meisner are: David Dolloff, Mark Far-

rington and Darryl Wells. Rob Dixon is the sole candidate for Fire Chief as is Melinda Averill for the position of Town Clerk-Tax Collector. Linda Presby is seeking election to the one-year term on our new school board while Paula Lee has opted for the two-year term and Albert (Pete) Coolidge is a candidate for the three-year term.

Residents are reminded that the Town Office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 16 in honor of the Presidents Day holiday.

My apologies to the Snow Valley Sno-Goers for crediting the Wind Towers Ride to the Roxbury Club. I did not have any sponsor information. Any way the Sno-Goers will be hosting that ride this Sunday, Feb. 15. Riders will begin arriving at 8 a.m. at the clubhouse, located off Route 5 in Andover and the ride will leave the club house at 10 a.m. A luncheon of hotdogs and chili will be served at the clubhouse following the ride. The cost for ride and lunch will be \$10 per person, \$8 for club members and advance registration. Children under 10 will be free. It should be a great ride as all the snow over the last two

weeks along with grooming by the club have much improved the trails. If you wish to pre-register contact Dick Merrill at 392-3481.

Those of you not into snowmobiling might want to attend the Larry Mercier Memorial Ice Fishing Derby on Roxbury Pond from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 14. There are prizes in several fish species categories including Trout, Perch, Pickerel and Bass as well as the "jackpot" fish which is tagged and worth \$2,000 to the lucky angler. Entry fee is \$10 and the Lions Club Lunch Wagon staffed by the Mexico Explorers will have breakfast items as well as the usual lunch fare.

The Andover Food Pantry continues to be open from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday mornings, except when school is canceled because of bad weather. Food deliveries from the Good Shepherd arrive on the first and third Monday. As always volunteers are appreciated to unload and stock shelves or to aid clients on Tuesday.

For those of you interested in the house project. Things are going great and Jim Coolidge and his crew are ahead of schedule. I want to thank all the people who have done so many things to help keep the site plowed. Those who have seen the house say it's just perfect for me. When it is finished and I'm moved in, I'll have an open house so all of you can satisfy your curiosity.

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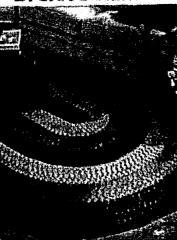
Feb. 3, 11:07 p.m.: Mary E. Newall, 40, of Andover, OUI, criminal mischief; by Sgt. Tim Ontengco in Bethel. Feb. 6, 3:20 p.m.: Tony J. Merrill, 33, of Greenwood,

aggravated drug trafficking, by Cpl. Chancey Libby in Greenwood.

# Jail Log

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South Paris. He would like to have cards to cheer him. The . of the bad news.

address is 477 High Street. Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. The teens are still trying to earn money for plane tickets to summer camp in Florida. They are still collecting bottles and cans. Have an outgrown children's coat? The Baptist Church is a collection point.

Franklin Grange was cancelled because of the weather. Next meeting is in March. Rodney Jordan will speak

at the Woodstock Historical Society meeting on Feb. 14 at the Woodstock Town Office Community Room at 6 p.m. He will talk about Woodstock in the 1930s and 1940s when he was growing up in town. All are welcome to attend.

Woodstock-Green-The wood Senior Citizens meeting for February was cancelled. The March meeting will be held at Ledgeview, weather permitting.

#### Gilead



It seems to snow about every other day. I am tired of snow! This past week has

brought good news and bad news. Most of which I cannot write about in my column. I think that old expression about a snowball not hav-

the Maine Veterans Home in ing a chance in "you know where" might apply to some

> My brother, Steve McLain, was busy this past weekend getting a path cleared out to his back door. This needed to be done before more snow

Joe McLain's visit in Maine gave him a chance to visit with his family and see a few of his friends that are still in the area. Steve and Lise McLain went out to lunch at the Brew Pub one day with him and they all had dinner at Brad and Carole's while he was here.

Steve, Brad and Joe met for lunch at the pizza place across from the SAD 44 maintenance garage. Joe left for home last Thursday. He arrived in a snowstorm and left in one. It was great to see him and hear what he has been up to in Montana.

Last Wednesday, Hugh and I had to go to South Paris and do some errands. While we were there, we had a very nice visit with Sheriff Wayne Gallant. We had a very lucrative and informative discussion.

As always, the usual birds are busy at the feeders. They stock up before and during the storms, so have been here almost constantly. Last Monday we noticed a Snow Bunting at the feeders. He stayed around for a while and then moved on to someone else's feeder, I suppose.

Mary Tyler went to her grange meeting last Thursday night in Shelburne, N.H. They were having an open meeting to try to attract some new members. They had six people who showed up and joined. They would

still like to get a few more. Condolences go out to the family of Albert 'Joe' Gaud-

reau, Sr. Joe was a familiar face around Bethel and Gilead as he worked for Brooks Bros, in Bethel.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.

#### Hanover

By Maria Holloway



RSU10 Meeting Reminder Next Tuesday Residents of

in the mail last week from the Hanover Select Board inviting them to attend an informational meeting to discuss the Town's participation in Regional School Unit 10 and its impact on our taxes. The meeting will be held next Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office. All citizens are encouraged to participate. This meeting will be preceded by the regular monthly Select Board meeting at 5 p.m. that same

evening.

contribution Hanover's to the RSU10 budget has increased significantly and will continue to increase for an additional two years. This meeting is your opportunity to learn more about how withdrawal may impact our town and will provide an open forum where you may share your opinion and feedback on the subject. The Western Foothills RSU10 includes the towns of Buckfield, Byron, Canton, Carthage, Dixfield, Hanover, Hartford, Mexico. Roxbury, Rumford and Sumner. If any change is to occur, it would require that a group of individuals, other than the members of the Select Board, come forward to gather information and prepare the required petitions and budgets for consideration by the

Town. The deadline to license dogs was Jan. 31. All unlicensed dogs will be reported to the Animal Control Office, Ozzie Hart, and owners will be assessed a late fee.

\$3.00 Movie Tickets with the purchase of any entree.

Victoria and Cory had a blast last weekend celebrating a friend's birthday at the Mt. Abram Tubing Park. Peals of laughter could be heard far and wide! The Tubing Park is open Friday through Sunday and every day during the upcoming school vacation week. Bring your family and friends for a day of fun. Tickets are \$15 a day.

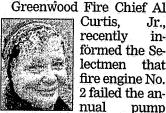
Hanover sends well wishes to Clem and Wilma. You are in our thoughts and prayers every day.

Thank you, snow dancers! Did you dance the night away? Skiers, sledheads and winter woods hikers are forever grateful! Gotta love the snow!

Please e-mail your news, comments and questions to HanoverMENews@gmail.

#### Locke's Mills

By Betsey Foster



Curtis, recently formed the Selectmen that fire engine No. 2 failed the annual nual pump

test. He estimated the repair to be at least \$10,000. The Selectmen authorized Curtis to begin looking for a used fire engine. They also authorized taking funds for this from the reserve account. There is currently \$41,000 in this account. Since that meeting, Curtis has looked at a fire engine in New Hampshire for \$25,000.

The Selectmen again met in executive session regarding a personnel issue within the fire department. Chief Curtis provided them with additional information.

Two drug-related arrests were made in Greenwood last weekend. One was at a Rowe Hill location, the other was on Howe Hill Road.

The town office recently received a request from a resident asking our road crew to push back the snowbanks at her residence. Sparks stated that the Town does not lower snow banks on private prop-

5:00pm - 8:00pm

erty or private driveways. The road crew only does such work at intersections where the height of the snow banks blocks view of oncoming traffic.

Speaking of the road crew thank you for working 70-hour weeks the last few weeks to keep our roads plowed. And oftentimes doing that plowing by dark of night. You are appreciated.

Town Manager Sparks said that at this moment the plowing budget is solid. The problem is that we are running out of places to put the

Sympathy to Jane and Jim Chandler, Jane's mother, Jean Hersey, died last week-

There is no vaccine for cabin fever. That is unfortunate because there is quite an epidemic making the rounds now. Cabin fever is a claustrophobic reaction to being shut in for an extended period of time. Symptoms are extreme irritability, a distrust of anyone you are with, and restlessness. The treatment is to get outside and move around. Alternative treatment is May.

You can also get out of the house by heading up to open mic night at Mt. Abram, Thursdays, 6 p.m., at the main lodge.

After several weeks of speculating about the populations of white-breasted nuthatches, I may have some insight. While some of us have not had any at their feeders, others have had the usual numbers. A week or so ago, I moved one of my small bird feeders to the other side of the house away from the main feeders. In no time numerous small birds began arriving at that feeder. Chickadees, titmice, juncos, redbreasted nuthatches, and, lo and behold, several whitebreasted nuthatches. This new feeder is far away from the main ones used by the large flock of blue jays, the cardinals and the dozen or more woodpeckers. All those birds are relatively aggressive and may have intimi-

dated the smaller birds. Now

they all have their own feeding areas, and I am seeing white-breasted nuthatches again. Ah, yes, there is peace in bird world.

This week's sign of change to come: A bluebird was spotted in Bowdoinham this week by Kim Sparks' sister, Please send news to 3taichi6@gmail.com.

#### South Woodstock



Friday a.m. Brrrr, another bitter cold day, it was minus 8 de-

grees here this morning. The sun is shining which helps to warm up the house.

Condolences are going out to the families of Grace Yates, Edith LaFrance, Carolyn J. Witter, Albert A. Gaudreau, Sr., and Geraldine Curtis Smith. Thoughts and our many prayers for each family member.

The Down East Country Music Association will hold a Country Valentines Show and Dance on Sunday, Feb. 15 at the American Legion Post 197 (300 Conant Street) in Westbrook. Doors will open at 11:30 and the show starts at 12:30. \$5 donation at the door. There will be food on sale, 50/50 drawing and raffles. The entertainment will be provided by The Tennessee Bound Award Winners of 2014. FMI: Jackie (793-8884).

Celebrating February birthdays are Virginia Luneau, Keith Hadley, Melody Hadley, Zachery Wilday, James Mason III and Joanne Appleby.

Anniversary wishes are going out to Lyn and Paul Cary, Barbara and Elwood Yeaton, Lolalee and Yogi Dillingham and Martha and Glendon Hadley.

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## The Civil War in film tonight

On Thursday, Feb. 12, Bowdoin College Professor Patrick Rael will present a free program on how the Civil War has been portrayed in film over the past century at Bingham Hall auditorium, Gould Academy, starting at 6:30 p.m. This event is part of the "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War" project, a collaboration between Gould Academy, the Bethel Historical Society and the Bethel Library Association. The project, which runs through May, is bringing local Civil War history to life thanks to a \$2,000 grant awarded by the Maine Historical Society (MHS) and Maine Humanities Council (MHC) and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The program aims to bring Maine libraries and educational and historical organizations together to explore local Civil War history and engage their communities. Bethel is one of five communities in Maine to receive the grant in the second and final round of project awards.

Patrick Rael is a specialist in African-American history (1995 Ph.D. in American History, University of California, Berkeley). He is the author of numerous essays and books, including Black Identity and Black Protest in the Antebellum North (North Carolina, 2002), which earned Honorable Mention for the Frederick Douglass Prize from the Gilder Lerhman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition. He is also the editor of African-American Activism before the Civil War: The Freedom Struggle in the Antebellum North (Routledge, 2008), and co-editor of Pamphlets of Protest: An Anthology of Early African-American Protest Literature (Routledge, 2001). His most recent book, Eighty-Eight Years: The Long Death of Slavery in the United States, 1777-1865(University of Georgia Press, forthcoming Summer 2015), explores the Atlantic history of slavery to understand the exceptionally long period of time it took to end chattel bondage in America.



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Prof. Rael also has a strong interest in history education. He has explored the uses of technology in teaching history through his online simulation of the fugitive slave experience, and a long collaboration with Bowdoin's Information Technology Division to create historical maps using GIS. His online writing guides have assisted student writers for 15 years. He has written extensively about teaching, has contributed to the development of African-American history curricula, and has for over a decade led seminars and workshops on teaching American history in primary and secondary schools (notably, several of the Maine Humanities Council's Teaching American History workshops).

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till further notice. For those who wish to share

with our readers' birthdays, anniversaries, birth notices or any other news, you may call me at 674-3104. I do have an answering machine and if I do not answer please leave me your name, number and brief message and I will return your call.

Get well wishes to all that are not feeling quite up to par these days, many are down with the flu and flu like symptoms this time of year.

That's all from the valley this week. Take care and enjoy your week.

#### Waterford

By Rockie Graham



And the snow kept coming down. I do not remember it snowing so frequently in such large

amounts. Usually we have at least a week between storms. but not this time. Everything seems to get cancelled every other day. But we have no control over that and it is February in Maine, so I shouldn't complain. Like most people, I always seem to complain about the weather. In any case, I get where I need to go and do what I must do, so ...

Mountain Poets was cancelled until March due to the storm this past Sunday. That means in March we have to plan for April's annual Too Cold for the Porch celebration in honor of National Poetry Month. We also need to write more new snow poems. Poets you know what your

task is. Friend Kathleen and I visited both farmers' markets in Norway this past weekend. That was interesting as they each had different vendors. We bought meat that was locally raised, goat milk cheese, vegetables that were grown recently and locally; it was much nicer and more fun than shopping at Hannaford. We got to see old friends and make new ones. I think we will do it again if we can come up with the money.

To that end, this Saturday, Feb. 14, in addition to Valen-

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tine's Day - don't forget your sweethearts-at Old Squire's Farm Market, there will be a presentation on "Healing Naturally with Herbs" presented by Suzanne Dunham who also makes gluten free bread and pastries. Her presentation begins at 11:30 a.m.

Next week, Feb. 21, at Squires Market there will be a presentation on running a sustainable dairy. Great adventures.

Because my computer died and David had to fix it, everything at my computer area is torn apart and now I have to rework it and find a new place to store stuff. I can no longer use the floor or anything low down as piggy will eat it and then I will have to replace it. She has already attacked my crocheting and pulled out what little I did, my books some of which were eaten (guess they smelled like food) and knocked all kinds of things off shelves by simply crashing into them. Guess I need higher shelves or we could get a new gate for the bedroom to block her out. I hate to keep the door shut all the time because then we get no heat in there. That is not acceptable. For a new house, we have way too much trouble heating it. I think we should go back to using my old stove which heated a whole two story house, but David says it is no good but continues to use it to heat his shop. Who knows, maybe he

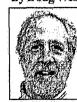
Sunday, Feb. 15, Stephen's Memorial Hospital is holding a Family Snowshoe hike

is right.

from 10 to 11 a.m., at Robert's Farm Preserve in Norway. Snowshoes and poles can be borrowed There is no cost but registration is required. FMI please call 743-1562 ext. 6896. Sounds like fun, do I dare try it?

That is all for this week. Enjoy yet another snowstorm and stay safe and warm.

#### Newry By Doug Webster



I don't know what Phil the groundhog from Punxsutawney, Pa. saw, but it sure

looks like we are in for a lot more winter! To look on the bright side, I talked to my brother in southern New Hampshire. He said that the last three storms totaled over 50 inches! I want to throw out a big thank you to all the guys who have been plowing for me. It's sure nice to be in a small town where people will lend a hand when needed.

The Select Board met and continued to work on the budget and articles to go into the Town Meeting Warrant. The Code Enforcement Officer continues to work on a new road entrance and parking ordinance. Next week, there will be a Select Board meeting on Feb. 17 at 5 p.m., followed, at 6 p.m., by a public hearing. The hearing is to give the citizens a chance to learn about some proposed changes to the town's ordinances and other items that

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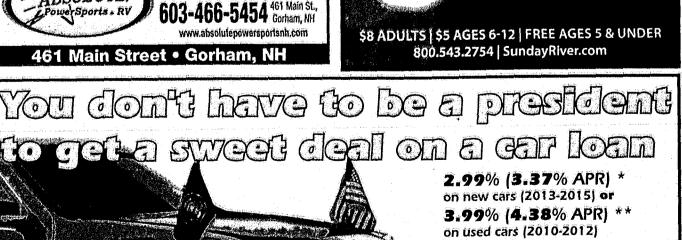


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#### **School Lunch**

#### SAD 44 School Lunch Feb. 12 and 13

#### **Elementary Schools**

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Friday: Hot turkey sandwich over wholegrain bread or Sun Butter and Fluff on wholegrain bread with yogurt, steamed peas, cranberry sauce, grapes.

#### Telstar

Thursday: Italian Dunkers with meat sauce, green beans, dried fruit and cereal mix, diced pears in juice.

Friday: Hot turkey sandwich over wholegrain bread or Quick Pic (muffin, yogurt and cheese stick), steamed peas, cranberry sauce, grapes.

\*Feb. 16-20, winter break. Classes resume Feb. 23.

Right: MVC SECOND PLACE-Telstar cross-country skier Gabi Stone (right) took second place in the Mountain Valley Conference 5-km Freestyle Race at Titcomb Mt. Saturday. She was also the MVC Girl's Ski Meister Champion.

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#### SPORTS





MVC SKI CHAMPS-The Telstar Boys' Nordic and Alpine teams were the Combined Champions at last week's Mountain Valley Conference Championships. From left: Kellen True, Luke Davis, Liam Gallagher, Josh Eliot, James Newkirk and Gaelen Boyle-Wight. Submitted photo

#### **Town News**

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will appear on the Town Warrant. The Town Office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 16, but there will still be a school withdrawal meeting at 5:30 p.m. Absentee ballots are still available.

As always, send me your news, especially if you do not like mine, dwebster@megalink.net.

#### <u>Upton</u>



The Ladies
Aid continues
to offer Sunday breakfasts. They
are ready to
serve by 8

a.m. Please come join them

#### to offer Sunday breakfasts. They begin about 12:30

They dy to by 8 them them the Ladies Aid building. The building will remain open through the afternoon for people to come in and warm up, enjoy a hot beverage and

socialize.

for some good food and an

opportunity to visit with

Carol and Charlie will have

their sliding party Sunday,

friends and neighbors.

Previous to last Saturday, I had not been down Route 26, beyond Bethel, for several weeks. As I drove through Dry Mills Saturday morning I could not refrain from laughing. The snowbanks were two feet higher than the top of my pickup. The driveways were opened barely wide enough to allow a vehicle in or out, and the road was narrower than normal. Now I know where all of the snow landed.

The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, Feb. 27 at the town office.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

# SURBUARIC

#### High School Nordic Skiing

MVC Championship at Black Mountain; Feb. 4—The Telstar HS Nordic team competed in the first day of the MVC Championships last Wednesday. The race was a 5km classical race with a mass start. Boys' results: 5. Kellen True 18:40; 7. Liam Gallagher 19:05; 8. Greg Wheeler 19:17; 14. Elijah Laird 21:44; 18. Josh Eliot 22:39; 22. Gaelen Boyle-Wight 23:25. Girls' Results: 2. Carla Boyle Wight 20:06; 5. Gabi Stone 21:22; 6. Kaitlyn Brown 21:40; 12. Marta Opie 23:07.—Coach Southam

MVC Championship at Titcomb Mountain; Feb. 7 – Freestyle pursuit race. The THS Boys' team came away as the overall MVC Champions, combined Nordic and Alpine. They were second overall in Nordic. Boys' Results: 3. Kellen True 17:03; 4. Liam Gallagher 17:07; 7. Greg Wheeler18:31; 13. Josh Eliot 19:41; 18. Gaelen Boyle-Wight 21:08. Girls' Results: 2. Gabi Stone 20:02; 9. Kaitlyn Brown 22:11. – Coach Southam

#### Mountain Valley Rec League Basketball

LBI, Ranor Nos. 1 and 2 in MV Rec – With 4 weeks remaining in the regular season, the first two places are now decided. The determination of first place will be dependent on the next head to head match up of Ranor Mechanical and Laid Back Installers, assuming both teams win out. This past week LBI (8-0) won by forfeit over Neptune (0-8). Ranor (8-1) defeated The Matterhorn (4-4), 73-48. The Matterhorn was looking to slow the pace down, and did so for a while. But poor shot selection and turnovers cost them in the end. Ranor's Nate Carson was high man with 21 points followed by Kevin Gallant with 16 and JT Taylor with 11. The Matterhorn's only double digit scorer was Matt Newell with 19 points, although he appeared unstoppable at times but ineffective at others. While Jay (1-7) had a bye, Archie's (5-4) endured to beat Bethel (3-6) 81-77. In what appeared to be a close contest from the start, Archie's actually held a 15 point advantage part way through the second half, but gave up most of it with some irresponsible turnovers. Bethel had a chance to tie several times toward the end of the game, but costly turnovers and poor shot selection was their demise. Archie's Cody St. Germain led his team with 28 points, Cliff Turner had 17, Craig Derouche 16 and Ryan Ames 10. Bethel's Ryan Savage was lead man again with 32 and Kevin Bean assisted with 15. Sunday, Feb. 15, Archie's gets the week off, while Ranor plays Bethel at 10 a.m., The Matterhorn plays Neptune at 11:30 and Jay/LBI finish up at 1 p.m.

### THS Honor Roll

9th grade

Honors: Lukas McGetchin, Gaelan Boyle-Wight

10th grade

Honors: Luke Davis, Josh Eliot, Elijah Laird, Sioux-Ann Tuttle, James Newkirk, India Orino, Sierra Ryerson, Kellen True.

**High Honors:** Kristie Hanscom.

#### 11th grade

Honors: Luke Angevine, Austin Bear, Kaitlyn Brown, Naomi Carr, Jillian DeLallo, Lisa Gammon, Rebecca Howard, Mariah Millett, Cassidy Smith, Amber Souve, Savannah Vermette.

#### 12th grade

Honors: Chris Chappie, Liam Gallagher, Maureen Glover, Tyra Howes, Kristen Jackson, Savannah Pelletier, Noah Rose, Travis Wheeler, Zach Wheeler.

High Honors: Savannah Clough, Annie Cushman, Subin Jung, Sequiera Lavender, Aaron Speakman, Rebecca-Lynn Tuttle.

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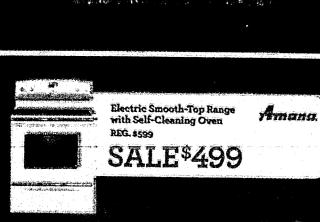
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# Woodstock: From Feb. 7, 1815 to Feb. 7, 2015







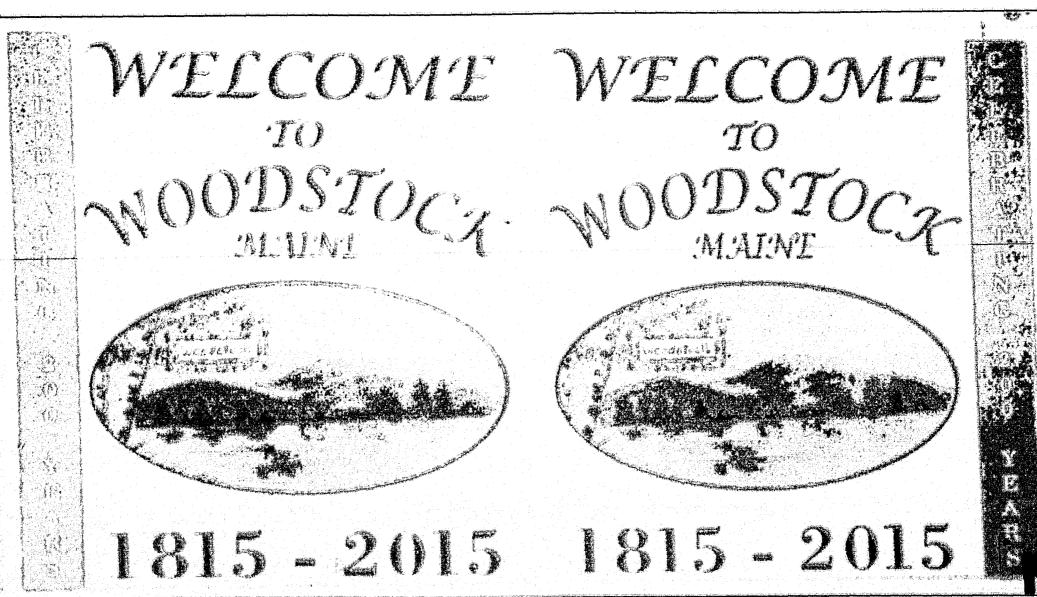
of the Act to Establish the Town of Woodstock featured the reading of historic documents and personal accounts, as well as impromptu personal reminiscences by current residents. As one person would speak, the description would prompt a story from another, Left, Ruth Feeney reads excerpts from letters written by her mother to her aunt in the 1940s. Middle photos: (Left) Susan Hathaway Glines and former operators Andrea Hoyt and Jenneth Berryment of the famous **Bryant Pond Telephone** Co. Here, Hoyt remembers what it was like being at the switchboard during a thunderstorm. (Right) Jan Stowell reminisces about people at the Stowell Mill as Town Manager Vern Maxfield listens, As Maxfield observed, "The people are the fabric of the town, and what a tapestry it is." Other memories included stories about the L. M. Mann & Sons Clothespin Factory and the Andrews Casket Co. Next photos: (Left) Jenn Chase reads a poem from the 1915 Centennial celebration. Chase's ancestor, Stephen Chase, served as Woodstock's first town clerk. (Right), Brenda Maxfield, Sandra Stowell Seaver and Gloria McKeen Rogers look over some of the historic materials on display at the Fire Station. In June a more extensive celebration will take place, including a parade and other festivities. At bottom is the design (front and back) for banners that will hang in the village leading up to and

including the celebration.

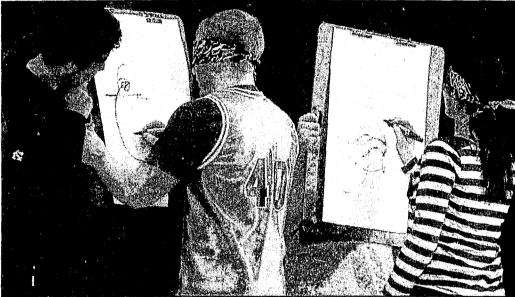
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GETTING IN THE SPIRIT AT TELSTAR-Telstar High School Friday kicked off a week of Winter Carnival activities with a pep rally in the school auditorium. Top, sophomores shout at the top of their lungs in a class-vs.-class contest to see who could be the loudest. The junior class won. Bottom left, Chandler Dresser searches for a piece of bubble gum in a plate full of whipped cream in a contest to see which class representative could find and blow a bubble first. The senior class competitor, Zac Wheeler, came up with the gum first. Bottom right, Noah Rose and Hayley Peterson compete in a blindfolded drawing contest.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours – No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Felted Art Exhibit; The Norway Memorial Library invites the public to view a felted art exhibit by Marty Elkin of A Wrinkle in Thyme Farm through February 2015 during the library's open hours. Elkin's felted art is inspired by her work on the farm, nature, and animals. All the wool used in the art work is from the farm's sheep and Elkin dyes the wool herself. For more information please visit the library's web site ways por year lib me us or call at 7/2,5200 ext. 1

web site www.norway.lib.me.us or call at 743-5309 ext. 1. "Civil War Stories" Book Discussion; A book discussion on "Civil War Stories" by Ambrose Bierce will take place at the Bethel Library March 4 at 7 p.m., led by Doug Rawlings, representing the Maine Historical Society and The Maine Humanities Council. Books are available at the Bethel Library. The discussion is part of the "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War" project, a joint effort by Gould Academy, the Bethel Historical Society and the Bethel Library Association.

#### Thursday, Feb. 12

Maximizing Social Media Marketing SCORE Workshop; 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Norway Town Office, 19 Danforth Street, Norway. Brenna Herridge, Business Development Manager for Dream Local Digital will offer a workshop highlighting the best practices for utilizing social media tools. \$20 per person. FMI/Registration: www.oxfordhills.score.org.

DASH Diet Program; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building (193 Main Street) Norway. Pat Watson, registered dietitian, will offer a presentation on the DASH Diet, which has been proven to help in lowering blood pressure. DASH diet booklets and recipes will be provided. There is no cost for this program. FMI/Registration: 743-1562 ext. 6896.

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War; 6:30 p.m., Bingham Auditorium, Church Street, Bethel. Bowdoin College professor Patrick Rael will show clips of several films, and discuss how they relate to several issues of the war, including slavery, race, gender, conflict and moral order in this presentation and discussion of important films of the Civil War Era. Films will include "The Birth of a Nation," "Gone with the Wind," "Glory," Gettysburg" and others. The public is invited at no charge.

#### Saturday, Feb. 14

Larry Mercier Memorial Ice Fishing Derby; Roxbury Pond. Rain date, Feb. 15. The grand prize is \$2,000 for the lucky angler who catches the tagged fish. Other prizes are awarded for the Pickerel, Bass, Trout and Perch catches. Lunch will be available.

Sweetheart Snowshoe Walk; 10 a.m., Akers Ski Barn, Andover. Those wishing to carpool may meet at the Mahoosuc land trust office at 9:30 a.m. During the walk, Rich Churchill will share his unique insights on the wonders of nature. Following the walk, participants are invited to return to Aker's barn for a fire, hot chocolate and chili lunch. FMI: 824-3806.

Healing Naturally with Herbs, Spices and Foods; 11:30 a.m., Old Squire's Farm Market, 493 Main Street, Norway. Presented by Suzanne Dunham.

Annual Valentine's Day Tea; 1 to 3 p.m., United Methodist Church, 79 Main Street, Bethel. Music and refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop; 1 p.m., Oxford

County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Master Bee Keeper, Carol Cottrill, will do a presentation on "gadgets and gizmos" used in bee keeping. Public's welcome. FMI contact Kevin at farrout@roadrunner.com, or visit mainehoneybees.com.

8th Annual Chairlift Speed Dating Event; 2 to 4 p.m. (registration starts at 12:30), Black Mountain, Jackson, N.H. Participation is free, but participants are required to have a lift ticket or season's pass in order to ride the lift (full day lift tickets are \$55, half day lift tickets are \$38). FMI: www. Blackmt.com or 603-383-4490.

Swingin' Bears Valentine's Day Dance; 7 to 10 p.m., Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Caller: Walt Bull. Cuer: Carol Arsenault. Refreshments will be served from 7:45 on. Announcements, door prizes and 50/50 drawing at 8:30. Admission: \$6 (non-dancers are welcome at no charge. FMI: Eleanor Herrick (782-4050) or www.square-danceme.us.

#### Sunday, Feb. 15

Roxbury Snowmobilers Wind Tower Ride; 8 a.m. registration at the clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover, 10 a.m. ride. Fee: \$10 (\$8 for club members and early registration), includes a lunch of hot dogs, chili and a drink. Children under 10 ride free. FM: Bichard Marrill (392,2481)

10 ride free. FMI: Richard Merrill (392-3481).

Stephens Memorial Hospital Family Snowshoe; 10 to 11 a.m., Roberts Farm Preserve, Norway. Carl Costanzi, 5210 Let's Go! Oxford County coordinator will lead a snowshoe hike on the trails at Roberts Farm. Snowshoes and poles are available if needed. There is no cost for this program, but registration is required. FMI/Registration: 743-1562 ext. 6896.

Cabin Fever Follies: The Sound of the Movies; 2 p.m., St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Local musicians performing songs from the silver screen. Tickets: \$12/adults, \$8/minors. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or information@stkieranarts.org.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 17

6 p.m.: Public hearing at Newry Town Office on proposed ordinance changes/additions.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 18

Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service; 12 p.m., Bethel United Methodist Church. All are welcome.

SeniorsPlus; 2 to 4 p.m., Norway Town Hall. Representatives from SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging, will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Fullset: The Finest in Irish Traditional Music; 7 p.m., St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Tickets: \$15. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or information@stkieranarts.org.

#### Thursday, Feb. 19

Hope Assn. Winter Fashion Show; 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. The Glee Club entertains at 12:00 noon followed at 12:15 by the Fashion Show. Come to the fashion show and see examples of clothing available at the What Not Shop. The What Not Shop will have Fill-A-Bag (clothing only) for

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

#### Saturday, Feb. 21

Running a Sustainable Dairy; 11:30 a.m., Old Squire's Farm Market, 493 Main Street Norway. Presented by Heidi Durgin.

Fly Fishing 101; 12 to 3 p.m., First Congregational Church, 17 East Main Street, South Paris. Four presentations: "Understanding Fly Tackle" by Dick Walthers, Master Maine Guide); "The Biology of Fish/Natural Foods for Fish" by John Wight, Master Maine Guide; "Fly Fishing Tactics" by Jim Mullen, Fly Tyer Extraordinaire; "How to Fly Cast" by Mike McCue, F.F.F., Certified Casting Instructor.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club Public Supper; 5 to 7 p.m., Newry Grange Hall. Oyster stew, spaghetti, rolls, coleslaw, beverages and dessert. Adults/\$7, Children 12 and under/\$5.

#### Sunday, Feb. 22

Funky Divas of Gospel; 2 p.m., St. Kieran Community

Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Tickets: \$15/adults, \$10/minors. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or information@stkieranarts.org.

#### Monday, Feb. 23

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Public Library. Representatives from SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging, will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 25

McLaughlin Garden Lecture; 4 p.m., 103 Main Street South Paris. Dr. Rick Churchill will present "Fort Williams Arboretum." He has been involved in reclaiming and replanting this Cape Elizabeth waterfront landscape. Dr. Rick, as he is known, is the former chairman of the horticultural program at Southern Maine Community College and well known from People, Places and Plants magazine. Free and open to the public.

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

#### Thursday, Feb. 26

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

#### Saturday, Feb. 28

Full Moon Hike; 5:30 to 8 p.m., Mt. Abram. Mt. Abram staff will transport skis and boards to the top so participants can enjoy the hike to the top and then ski/ride to the bottom by the light of the full moon. Post-hike music with Skosh begins at 8 p.m. in Loose Boots Lounge.

#### Monday, March 2

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: "Does Climate Change Change Everything?" Moderator: Bart Hague. Light refreshments provided. FMI/Snow Dates: 583-6957.

#### Wednesday, March 4

McLaughlin Garden Lecture; 4 p.m., 103 Main Street' South Paris. Rex Beisel and Craig Cote will present "Evolution of a Garden," describing how they landscaped their property and made room for hundreds of varieties of daylilies. Free and open to the public.

#### Thursday, March 5

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

#### March 5 and 12

First Aid and CPR; 6 to 9 p.m. March 5 and 6 to 9:30 p.m. March 12. Jeannine Thornton teaches these classes at the Bethel Family Health Center. CPR includes; adult, child & infant CPR; obstructed airway. First Aid includes; burns, controlling bleeding, broken bones, poisoning, soft tissue injuries, heat & cold exposure, bandaging. You will receive a 3-year certificate in First Aid and a 1-year certificate in CPR.

#### Saturday, March 7

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. To reserve your table, call Jean (743-7965). Yard sale tables are \$10, vendor tables are \$15. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

The Corvettes Doo Wop Revue; 7:30 p.m., Leura Hill' Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg. Some of the great hits you might expect to hear at a Corvettes concert include Come Go with Me, Earth Angel, Rock Around The Clock, and many morel Tickets are \$20°. for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$5 for kids. Preorder online at www.fryeburgacademy.org/tickets or by calling the box of fice at 207-935-9232.

#### **Prime Time Ski Club news**

Sunday River's Go50 Week, which celebrates the "mature" skier the last week of January, is a season highlight for some Prime Time Club members who offer mountain tours to visiting guests each morning during the week and attend the various activities. This past month's Go50 week started out on Monday at North Peak Lodge with cinnamon buns, yogurt, fruit, oatmeal, coffee and tea for well over 100 skiers. It was so crowded members did not get to meet and greet Sunday River's guests during that social, but our Membership Secretary did not let that stop her. She's been actively involved with finding potential new members by being present at 10 AM at Peak Lodge and inviting skiers to join her.

Due to a snowstorm on Tuesday, the Go50 game night was attended by only a few Prime Timers, several of whom managed to win gift cards in a raffle sponsored by Sunday River management. The Ski Museum of Maine's talk featuring the history of the Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation program, was cancelled. The planned Wednesday Go50 ski race event on Monday Mourning also was cancelled due to "too much snow," which was very disappointing. There were a few members who planned to participate and one who said he would if we got him a spandex suit! Instead, a few members "raced" to the Shipyard Brewery at Barker Lodge for an après-ski beverage. The final Go50 event, the Thursday bourbon-inspired dinner at Sliders. also had a few Prime Timers in attendance, and the feedback indicated they were highly pleased with the menu.

A few club members missed out on Go50 Week activities and the incredible Sunday River snowfall because they were in the French Alps, enjoying a 12-day skiing and sightseeing trip, sponsored by the national 70+ Ski Club. Les Trois Vallées, in the heart of the French Alps, is the largest integrated skiing area in the world with 318 marked ski-slopes, 373 miles of trails, 180 ski lifts, and elevations from 4,300 to 11,000 ft. The valley encompasses four major ski areas, Val Thorens, Les Menuires, Meribel-Mottaret and Courchevel as well as the smaller skiing areas of Saint crats held a Potluck Lunch Martin, La Tania, Orelle and Brides les Bains. Despite a and Meeting at Crescent lack of snow until the last two days of skiing and persistent fog and flat light some of the time, Prime Time members said it was incredible to experience the vastness of the interconnected ski areas and to be able to ski from village Chair Phil Bartlett of Gorto village and enjoy a fabulous lunch at quaint restaurants ham, and Vice-chair Pegalong the way, some only accessible by mountain trails.

However, to paraphrase an old saying: "The snow isn't were in attendance and led always whiter on the other side." You don't have to trav- a discussion of the 2014 elecel to Europe or out West to experience some of the best tion and plans for the 2016 snow around. Come to Sunday River and find "Your Happy Place." And if you are looking to share your excitement, consider skiing with members of the Prime Time Ski Club. Stop by North Peak Lodge at 10 a.m. weekdays (upper level, right hand side past the bar). Members usually break into small groups of four to eight skiers, based mostly on skiing ability and speed and terrain preference. For Prime Time ing officers for 2015-2016. Ski Club membership information and a schedule of activi- Cathy Newell of Greenwood ties check out our web site at www.primetimeskiclub.com. was elected as Chair, Irene



FLYING MOOSE CLASSIC-The annual Flying Moose Classic Cross-Country Ski Race took place Saturday on the trails at Gould Academy. Racers are shown here on the field at Gould. For a letter about the race, see Page 3.

## **News from the Oxford County Democrats**

The Oxford County Demo-Park School in Bethel on Sunday, Jan. 11.

Maine Democratic Party gy Schaffer of Vassalboro, cycle.

Business items included election of Colin O'Neill of Oxford to fill a vacancy on the Maine Democratic State Committee and electKuchta of Hanover as Vicechair, Roy Gedat of Norway as Treasurer, and Jane Chandler of Woodstock as Secretary for the 2015-2016 cycle. Callie Pecunies of Albany Township was elected as the Chair's alternate to the Democratic State Committee.

Plans are in the works for meetings throughout the late winter and spring and for the annual field trip to the Statehouse. Information about the Oxford County Democrats is available on Facebook and on www.oxforddems.org, or by calling County Chair Cathy Newell, 875-2116.

#### **SWOAM: A timber harvest?**

The Feb. 12 meeting of the Western Maine Chapter of the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine will concentrate on all the things a landowner needs to think about before committing to a timber harvest.

Merle Ring, District Forester with the Maine Forest Service, will go over the process. Are you thinking it's time to have some wood cut on your woodlot? Are you doing the work yourself or are you contracting with a logger? Do you know all the things to consider or are you pretty much in the dark? Maybe you've done this before but are thinking you could have done a better job.

As a landowner, Merle will help with what you need to think about before the skidder shows up on your landing, including boundary lines, contracts, insurance, notification to the state, water quality standards, Forest Practices Act standard, using a forester, bid or stumpage sales (or neither), equipment mix, timing of the harvest and many more.

The meeting is free and open to the public and will be held at 7 p.m. at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Signs will be posted. For more information, call Merle at 743-5976 evenings.

#### Mahoosuc Arts receives grant from the New England Foundation for the Arts

cil has been awarded a \$2,700 grant from the New England Foundation for the Arts to present the multi-media theatrical production of Icarus by the Boston-based theater company Liars & Believers.

Icarus is a tale of poverty, love, transcendence

of all kinds. The work will be per-

The Mahoosuc Arts Coun- and oppression presented formed for the general pubthrough live musical thelic at Hebron Academy on April 6 and at Gould Acadater, dance, masks and puppetry. See Passionate Penny emy on April 7. Both performances are at 7 p.m. The stufly through the air. Hear the mellifluous music of Icarus. dents of the Telstar Regional Schools will be treated to two Watch them try to escape in-school performances on monsters and machinations April 8. Area home-schoolers are welcome to attend.

Icarus features an original Americana score by Nathan Leigh (Song of Songs) and the fantastical puppetry by Faye Dupras. Conceived and Directed by Jason Slavick, Music and Lyrics by Nathan Leigh, Written by The LAB Ensemble Puppetry Design and Direction by Faye Dupras, Lighting and Set Design by Aaron Sherkow, Costume Design by Kendra Bell. FMI: www.liarsandbelievers.com.

The funding provided to the council is made possible by the New England States Touring Program of the New England Foundation of the Arts and the six New England State Arts Agencies and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tickets are \$15 for adults. Students 18 and younger are free. To purchase online, go to: www.mahoosucarts.org or call 204-824-3575 to reserve yours today.

# Regular meetings and events

#### MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays

of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office. Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month. 7

p.m., Town Office. Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

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Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7

p.m., Town Office SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month. 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other

#### schools; call 824-2185 for info). **ORGANIZATIONS**

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym,

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene. Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - Bethel Bicycle/Western Maine Velo

road cycling rides, departing from Bethel Bicycle. Please

call 824-0100 for more information and/or go to our FB page. all rides are posted there. First Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076. (Note: the Bethel meet-

ing has been discontinued until spring) Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library (currently discontinued until spring). FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m.- Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge, FMI: 207-824-

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at the Alliance Church on Route 26 in Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI; ëmail Pat McCartney at p\_quilts@yahoo.com or call 836-3575. Greenwood

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Outdoor Market at Northern Roots Grow Supply, 3 Bird Hill Rd., Greenwood. Vendors welcome at no charge. Until early September.

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. West Paris Baptist Church group

to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment

call 743-5993 Ext. 6851. Second Thursday of the month, 9: J to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free onetime course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength mea-

surement, and education on staying fit. Fridays 9:15 a.m. - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.- Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/ WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

#### Support services

**SAFE Voices** 

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of

abuse. AA Meetings/Addiction help

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Candlelight Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6

p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street. People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Cancer Wellness

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

Exchanges/Pantries **Clothing Exchange** 

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Park Street.

Help for the Homeless

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a Maternity Group Home program for homeless pregnant and parenting youth ages 18-21 and Case Management services. Emergency shelter services include the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and their children and the Rumford Family Center for homeless families. To make a referral or to request assistance, please call 743-6363 in the Norway area or 369-9439 in the Rumford area Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm. For more information about Rumford Group Homes, Inc., call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

Mental illness

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800)

335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222. **Veterans' Services** 

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9 to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July) Multiple services

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.

community-concepts.org. Alzheimer's Support

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## **WORD FUN**

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

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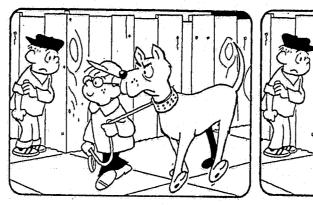
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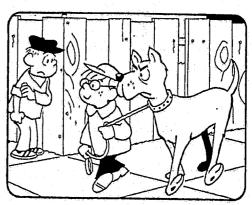


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Find at least six differences in details between panels.





4. Collar is different, 5. Fence board is missing. 6. Tail is shorter. 1. Cap is reversed. 2. Pant cuffs are missing. 3. Leash is shorter.

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: R equals T

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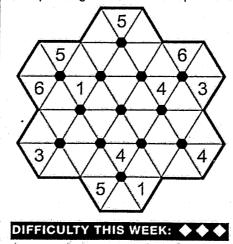
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# Kids' Maze

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There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

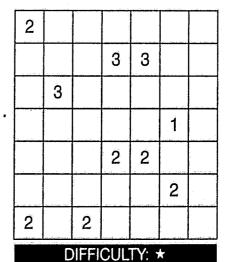


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## **Star**★**Map**

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram below so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



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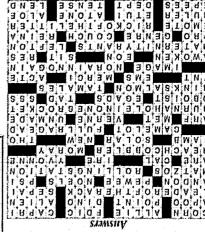
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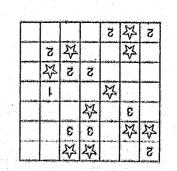
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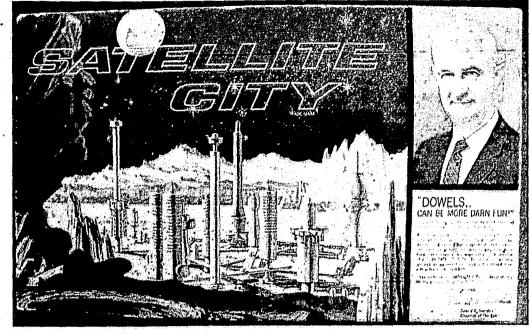
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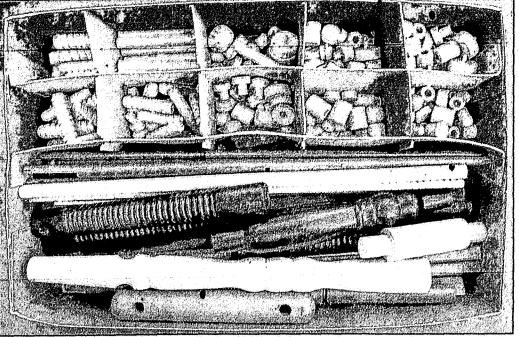
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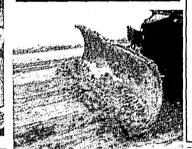
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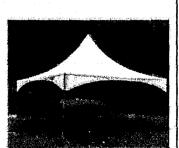
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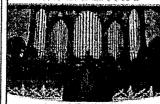
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WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period having elapsed without redemption by the said Defendant its successors or assigns, by the date of the proposed sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, by order of and in execution of said Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015, at the office of John S. Jenness, Jr., Esq., at 23 Market Square, South Parls, Maine, all and singular the premises described in said Judgment, to wit:

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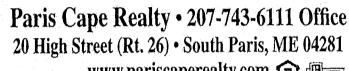
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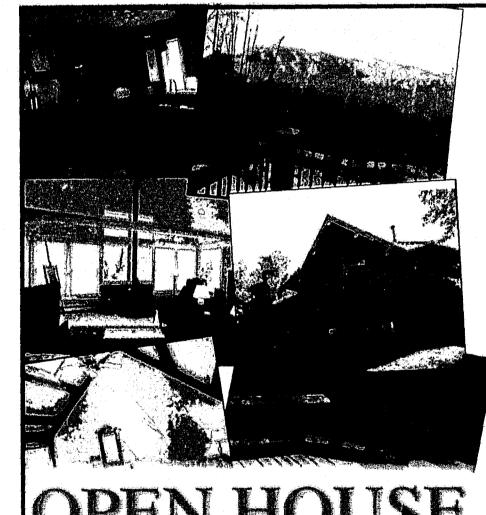
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ty Literary Club and the

Jean enjoyed performing

(RAAPA) in the chorus.

She was on its board of di-

Jean resided at Schoo-

ner Estates in Auburn,

where she shared her love

of music, leading hymns

and the Schooner chorus.

She started the hospital-

ity committee to welcome

She is survived by her

and his partner, Jenepher Moseley, of Sandy

Springs, Md., Jane Chan-

dler and her husband,

Jim, of Bryant Pond, Da-

vid and his wife, Vickie,

of Springfield, Mo., and

Iain of Glendale, Calif.;

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## Obituaries



JEAN H. HERSEY

Jean H. Hersey, 90, died peacefully and with grace on Sunday, Feb. 8, at her home at Schooner Estates. She was born on May 22, 1924, in Columbus, Ohio, to James D. and Eva Liles Howard. She graduated from Ohio State University in 1945, and married

Jean was active in the Christian Valley Literary Club, the Oxford Coun-

Church Conference.

the love of her life. Charles

"Bill" Hersey, on July 23,

1946; he died on April 14,

She worked for many

years as an assistant in

his veterinary practice in

Bridgton, Fryeburg and Rumford Center.

Jean was the music min-

ister at the Rumford Unit-

ed Methodist Church for

nearly 50 years, before retiring from that posi-

tion in 2008. She was the

founder and director of

the Church Belles, as well

as the choir director for

the church. She served on

many committees, both lo-

cally and at the Methodist

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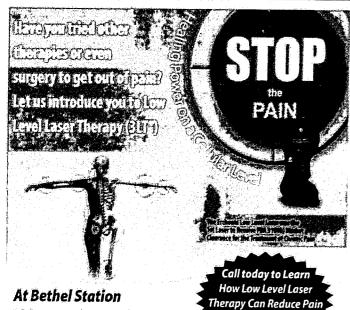
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Proposed Changes to Planning Board Ordinance

Road Entrance Permit

Parking Ordinance

#### REMINDER!

Secret Ballot Voting for Selectmen and School Board Members

Is scheduled for

Monday, March 2, 2015

At the Newry Town Office 8:00am to 8:00pm

Pot Luck Dinner 5:30 pm prior to **Annual Town Meeting** 

Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2015

7:00pm at Newry Grange Hall

## Births

Rumford Historical Soci-Alicia Plummer and ety. She also served on the Ethan Damon of South board of directors of the Paris are pleased to an-Tri-County Mental Health nounce the arrival of a Association and the Maine baby girl, Lilly Rose Da-Council of Mental Health mon, born on Jan. 20, 2015 at 8:03 at Stephens Memo-Centers; she served as president of each for sevrial Hospital, weighing 8

pounds 10 ounces. Maternal grandparents in the Rumford Area Assoare Patricia Plummer. ciation of Performing Arts Mitch Plummer, Richard Damon and Tracy Brown of South Paris and Bethel.

#### RUSSELL

Matoska Russell and Coral-Anne Ricker of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Lacie Russell. born on Jan. 23, 2015 at 8:58 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Rosalyn Ricker of Beth-

Paternal grandparents are Kevin Russell of Andover and Pam Moody of Bridgton.

Lacie joins three brothers, Jordon age 9, Bryce age 5 and Raymond age 3.

sign the family guest book Aaron and Stacy Smart and share their thoughts, of Sidney are pleased to announce the arrival of their little man, Abel Rodrick Smart, born on Jan. 11, 2015 at 12:59 a.m., weighing 10 pounds 13 ounces and measuring 22 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Kenneth and Janice Bachelder of Bethel. Maternal great-grandmother is Olga Morgan of Bethel. Paternal grandparents are Rodrick and Darla Smart of Oakland.

Abel joins big sister Lily Morgan Smart, age 6.



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Weddings



**CUMMINGS/SWEENEY** 

Carly Helen Cummings and Stephen Clinton Sweeney exchanged marriage vows at Mountain House on Sunday River on Oct. 11, 2014. They were married under a flower and ribbon adorned arbor owned by the bride's maternal grandparents. Jeffery Mills, uncle of the bride, officiated the

ceremony. Carly is the daughter of Daniel and Betsey Cummings of South Portland. Maternal grandparents are Sterling and Irene Mills of Bryant Pond and Helen Cummings of Bethel.

The bride wore a chiffon, Maggie Sottero gown adorned with beaded cap sleeves and a crystal belt. She borrowed her Motherin-law Bonnie Sweeney's wedding veil. She carried a fall bouquet of blue hydrangea, yellow alstroemeria, purple aster, succulents, silver brunia, yellow billy balls, and purple kale by Pooh Corner Farm

Maid of Honor was Emma Dalton, childhood friend of Northhampton, Mass. Bridal attendants were Emily Haeuser, Lauren Duranleau (childhood friends),

Rebecca Dennee and Cassie Carnright (college friends) and Tamblyn Gawley (graduate school friend). The bridal attendants wore short halter style emerald green dresses. Best Man was Ethan Guralnick (college friend); other groomsmen were Christopher and Patrick Sweeney (brothers of the groom), Ross Cummings (brother of the bride) and friends Jon Griffiths and Nick Sugai.

100 guests attended with friends and family coming from as far away as New Orleans, Seattle, Germany, New Zealand and Lebanon. The sit down dinner catered by the Good Food Store was finished with three layers of cake (Dorene's Creative Cakes) adorned with Carly's maternal grandparents' cake topper from their wedding in 1956. The cake topper was also used by the bride's parents in 1983.

The bride teaches Art Appreciation at Le Cordon Bleu cooking school in Cambridge, Mass. The groom is a consultant at Varden Technologies in Boston, Mass. After a honeymoon in Samana, Dominican Republic, the couple resides in Somerville, Mass, with



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were here with us I am so grateful for the memories And yet, so sad with your absence. I would give anything to have you back with us, And yet, I know that can not be. I know you are with us in spirit as I often feel your presence,

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